GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TRADITIONAL CROP PATTERN
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to sudden changes in traditional cropping patterns, barley crop is being replaced with wheat and mustered;

(b) whether there is a decline in the per hectare productions of barley crop since 1997;

(c) if so, the facts thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether any study has been conducted about the continued reduction in the area under the barley crop;

(e) if so, the details of the outcome thereof; and

(f) the corrective steps taken/proposed by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir. The area under barley is on declining trend due to shifting of its area to more remunerative crops like oilseeds, wheat etc.

(b) & (c): The productivity of barley in major States during 1997-98 and 1998-99 is given in the enclosed statement. It may be seen that except Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the productivity in other States has eitherincreased or remained constant during these two years. The reasons for lower productivity in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been unfavourable weather conditions.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Questions do not arise.

ANNEXURE
PRODUCTIVITY OF BARLEY IN MAJOR STATES DURING 1997-98 AND 1998-99

Productivity in Kg per hectare

STATE	1997-98	1998-99
Haryana	2800	2778
Himachal PRADESH	1312	1495
Madhya Pradesh	1210	1143
Punjab	3000	3226
Rajasthan	1911	1976
Uttar Pradesh	2215	2019